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2008 Agricultural Statistics Bulletin

We are proud to present you with the 2008 edition of the **Arizona Agricultural Statistics Bulletin.** The statistics included will show the size and scope of one of Arizona's largest industries. Agriculture cash receipts were 3.46 billion dollars in 2008. USDA-NASS also recently published the results of the 2007 Census of Agriculture and this year's Bulletin includes Census county profiles and new pages on American Indian agriculture. The census is done once every five years and is the most comprehensive set of agricultural data in the U.S. Take a look at the complete census results at www.agcensus.usda.gov.

Crop and livestock producers operate in a rapidly changing environment and need a source for accurate and relevant statistics to make important decisions. We hope all producers and others interested in agriculture will use this publication, and the other reports released by USDA-NASS to make well-informed decisions about their production and marketing. We would also like to encourage you to take a look at our website at www.nass.usda.gov/az. There is a wealth of information available to you.

Everyone at the University of Arizona College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and the Arizona Department of Agriculture has worked hard to try and support Arizona farmers and ranchers as they dealt with the many challenges that crop and livestock production present.

Our thanks also go to the thousands of Arizona crop and livestock producers, agribusiness firms, and others who have voluntarily provided information that makes this publication possible. If we can assist you in any way, please contact us anytime.

Sincerely,

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